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Government Administration and Elections Committee Public Hearing

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Testimony in support of,

**Raised H.B. 5126, AN ACT CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES
TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR
VOTE**

**Honored Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Government Administration and
Elections Committee**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for raising House Bill 5126 and I offer the following testimony in favor of this proposal.

Under the Electoral College, the state of Connecticut is at a disadvantage. As presidential candidates campaign throughout the country, they ignore states in which they are comfortably ahead or far behind simply because they have no incentive to win over their respective voters. Because presidential campaigns only focus on "swing states," our collective voice is diminished. By agreeing to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote, our voice will be restored. Indeed, this bill guarantees that every vote in every state is heard.

Furthermore, not only does this bill seek to benefit our state, it also offers a fairer way to elect the President. Under the current winner-take-all system, presidential elections can be swayed by mere thousands of votes in key states despite the will of the majority of Americans. Such has been the case in four of the past fifty seven presidential elections. When this happens, it undermines the foundations of democracy and overthrows the will of the People.

It is my hope that we can come together to ensure that Connecticut voters are heard in the national election.

Thank you for your consideration and please support H.B. 5126.

Prasad Srinivasan, State Representative, 31st District.